

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN BOB DEPRATU**, on February 4, 2003 at 9 A.M., in Room 303 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Bob DePratu, Chairman (R)
Sen. Bob Story Jr., Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. John C. Bohlinger (R)
Sen. Jon Ellingson (D)
Sen. Jim Elliott (D)
Sen. Bill Glaser (R)
Sen. Dan Harrington (D)
Sen. Walter McNutt (R)
Sen. Mike Taylor (R)
Sen. Ken Toole (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Lee Heiman, Legislative Branch
Shirley Herrin, Committee Secretary

Please Note.

Video-taped Committee: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A video-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 88, 1/27/2003; HB 96, 1/27/2003;
SB 255, 1/28/2003; SB 260,
1/28/2003
Executive Action: HB 88, HB 96

HEARING ON HB 96

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

9:02 **REP. RON DEVLIN, HD 03, Terry** "Eliminate advanced telecommunications infrastructure tax credit"

Proponents' Testimony:

9:05 Chuck Swysgood, Director, Budget & Program Planning Office

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Witnesses:

9:06 Marc Simonich, Director, Dept. of Commerce

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

9:07 Begin
9:10 Ended
3 min Time elapsed

Closing by Sponsor:

9:10 **REP. DEVLIN** closed on HB 96. He submitted a handout from the Department of Commerce **EXHIBIT (tas24a01)**

HEARING ON HB 88

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

9:12 **REP. DAVE KASTEN, HD 99, Brockway** "De-earmark certain local government and school funds --revise earmarking law".

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

9:15 Begin
9:16 Ended
1 min Time elapsed

Closing by Sponsor: **REP. KASTEN** closed on HB 88.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 96

Motion/Vote: SEN. DAN HARRINGTON moved that HB 96 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 88

Motion/Vote: SEN. KEN TOOLE moved that HB 88 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously.

HEARING ON SB 255 AND SB 260

9:20 VICE CHAIRMAN BOB STORY opened the hearing on SB 255 and SB 260. The bills will be heard in tandem.

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. BOB DE PRATU, SD 40, Whitefish. SB 255 - "Constitutional amendment for acquisition value for property taxes". SB 260 - "Legislation to implement property tax acquisition value system".

Proponents' Testimony:

9:30 Jim Stack, Pres. Investech Research
EXHIBIT(tas24a02)EXHIBIT(tas24a03)
9:39 REP. JOHN BRUEGGEMAN, HD 74, Polson
9:40 Jess Johnson, Self
9:42 Mary Guse, Cut Bank, Self **EXHIBIT(tas24a04)**
9:48 Rick Kinonon, Self, also read letter from Debra Hanson
EXHIBIT(tas24a05)
9:52 Joanie Biolo, Bozeman, Self
9:54 Duane Hartman, Plentywood
9:55 Christina Hayden, Butte, Self **EXHIBIT(tas24a06)**
9:57 Doug Betters, Whitefish
9:59 Jessie Haring, Self
10:00 Tony Moors, Self **EXHIBIT(tas24a07)**
10:01 Guy Slaybaugh, Bozeman, Self
10:02 Natalie Burggraf, Swan Lake, Self, submitted property
tax statement **EXHIBIT(tas24a08)**
10:04 Judy Kinonen, Great Falls, Self
10:05 John Schipf, Self
10:06 Garnet Dahmer, Great Falls, Self **EXHIBIT(tas24a09)**
10:07 Barbara Hughes, Self **EXHIBIT(tas24a10)**
10:08 Marie Boyd, Great Falls, Self
10:09 Gerald Askevold, Self
10:10 Dan Sullivan, Pondera Coalition for Progress, Conrad
10:11 Brian Garnett, Self and Pondera Coalition for Progress

10:12 Sherri Anderson, Great Falls, Self
 10:13 Bert Thompson, Silver Bow County, Self
 10:13.5 Fran Ruby, Malta/Somers, Self
 10:15 Duncan Scott, Attorney, Whitefish
 10:16 Miles Swan, Highwood, Self
 10:17 Terry Abell, Self
 10:18 Harold Lockhart, Great Falls, Self **EXHIBIT(tas24a11)**
 10:19 Stephen N. Kubick, Great Falls, Self
 10:20 Shirley Cornelius, Cascade, Self
 10:21 Darla Harmon, Kalispell, Self
 10:23 Gary Palm, Swan Lake, Self
 10:24 Doug Follett, Flathead, Self
 10:33 Jo Mahler, Self
 10:34 Diane Smith, Exec. Dir., MT Residents for Fair Property
 Taxation, (MRFPT) **EXHIBIT(tas24a12)**
 10:38 Alice Gustafson, Great Falls, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

10:39 Peggy Trenk, MT Association of Realtors, read letter
 from association president, Julie Dolan,
EXHIBIT(tas24a13)
 10:44 Ernie Dutton, Billings realtor, **EXHIBIT(tas24a14)** also
 handed out article on California's "Proposition 13"
EXHIBIT(tas24a15)
 10:52 Bonnie Ambuehl, Self **EXHIBIT(tas24a16)**
 10:58 Vicki Amundsen, Western MT Landlords Assoc.
EXHIBIT(tas24a17)
 11:00 Byron Roberts, MT Building Industries Assoc
EXHIBIT(tas24a18)
 11:05 Casey Musgrove, Flathead, Self
 11:08 Webb Brown, MT Chamber of Commerce
 11:10 Joe Roberts, MT Association of Realtors
 11:17 Chris Christiaens, MT Landlords Assoc.
EXHIBIT(tas24a19)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

11:19 Begin
 11:59 Ended
 40 min Time elapsed

Closing by Sponsor:

12:00 **SEN. DE PRATU** closed on SB 255 and SB 260.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:05 P.M.

SEN. BOB DEPRATU, Chairman

SHIRLEY HERRIN, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (tas24aad)